Patent

Case No.: 55476US041

SEP 1 9 2005

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Hirst Named Inventor:

LEONARD, WILLIAM K.

Application No.:

10/821588

Group Art Unit:

1734

Filed:

April 9, 2004

Examiner:

Laura Estelle Edwards

Title:

METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE UNIFORMITY OF A WET COATING ON A

SUBSTRATE USING PICK-AND-PLACE DEVICES

## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Mail Stop: RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION [37 CFR § 1.8(a)]

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being:

deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop: RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

☐ transmitted by facsimile on the date shown below to the United States Patent and Trademark Office at 571-273-8300.

September 15, 2005

Signed by: Colleen M. Wagner

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, enclosed is a completed Form PTO-1449, citing references submitted for consideration by the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to indicate that each reference has been considered.

Copies of any cited foreign patents, foreign publications, non-patent literature documents, and any pending U.S. applications filed before June 30, 2003, are enclosed. Copies of any pending U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003 that can be accessed on the USPTO's IFW system are not enclosed as per USPTO Waiver dated September 21, 2004. Copies of any U.S. patents and published U.S. patent applications are not enclosed.

A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 is being filed concurrently, thus it is believed that no fee is due for this Information Disclosure Statement.

Under 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

September /5, 2005

Date

Douglas B. Little, Reg. No.: 28,439

Telephone No.: 651-733-1501

Office of Intellectual Property Counsel 3M Innovative Properties Company

Facsimile No.: 651-736-3833

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO (modified)	Application Number	10/821588
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE	Filing Date	April 9, 2004
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT	First Named Inventor	Leonard, William K.
(Usage many sheets as necessary)	Art Unit	1734
	Examiner Name	Laura Estelle Edwards

Attorney Case Number

55476US041

U.S. Patent Documents				ocuments			
Exam.		Document Number	Publication Date or Issue Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where		
Init.* No.	No.	Doc. Number-(Kind Code if Known)			Relevant Passages or Relevan Figures Appear		
	A1	US-					
	A2	US-					
	А3	US-					
	A4	US-		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
	A5	US-					
	A6	US-					
	A7	US-					
	A8	US-					
	A9	US-		- 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1			
	A10	US-					
	A11	US-					

Foreign Patent Documents							
Exam. Init.*	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines,	Translation
		Ctry. Code	Number-KindCode (If known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	(Check if yes)
	B1	DE	199 46 325 A1	04/05/2001			х
	B2						
	В3						
	B4						
	B5						
	В6						
	B7						

OTHER DOCUMENTS				
Exam. Init.*	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	Translation (Check if yes)	
	C1			
	C2		-	
	C3			

*Examiner:	Date Considered:

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.